AMENDMENT

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows: .

1. (Currently Amended) Amultiple electrode for measuring electrophysiological characteristics of a biological specimen, comprising:

a plurality of micro-electrodes provided on a first region on a substrate; and

a reference electrode provided in a second region on the substrate,

wherein the reference electrode includes at least one stimulus reference electrode for applying an electrical signal to the plurality of micro-electrodes, and

wherein the biological specimen is placed in such a manner as to overlap with the first region and not to overlap with the second region.

(Currently Amended) A multiple electrode according to claim 1, wherein the reference electrode includes at least one measurement reference electrode for detecting an electrical signal from the plurality of micro-electrodes, and the at least one stimulus reference electrode is electrically insulated from the at least one measurement reference electrode.

(Currently Amended) A multiple electrode according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the second region is placed at a distance from an outer edge of the first region, and surrounds the first region.

4. (Cancelled)

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5. (Currently Amended) A multiple electrode according to claim \$\hat{\rho}\$ or 4, wherein the distance is set to a value such that an electrical signal generated from a microelectrode receiving an applied electrical signal is detected, and electrical noise generated from a micro-electrode receiving no applied electrical signal is not detected.

(Currently Amended) A multiple electrode according to any of claims 2 to 5 claim
2, including a plurality of stimulus reference electrodes and a plurality of
measurement reference electrodes, and the plurality of stimulus reference

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electrodes or the plurality of measurement reference electrodes are substantially symmetrically provided with respect to a center of the first region.

(Currently Amended) A multiple electrode according to any of claims 1 to 6 claim 1, wherein the plurality of micro-electrodes are arranged in a matrix within the first region.

(Currently Amended) An integrated cell installer comprising a multiple electrode according to any of claims 1 to 7 claim 1, wherein the integrated cell installer has a cell installing region for placing a biological specimen on the substrate of the multiple electrode.

(Original) A cellular potential measuring apparatus comprising: an integrated cell installer according to claim, an output signal processor connected to the micro-electrodes for processing an output signal due to an electro-physiological activity of a biological specimen; and a stimulus signal provider for optionally providing an electrical stimulus to the biological specimen.

(Original) A cellular potential measuring system comprising: a cellular potential measuring apparatus according to claims; and an optical monitoring apparatus for optically monitoring a biological specimen; and/or a cell culture apparatus for controlling the culture environment of the biological specimen.

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